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President's summary

Economic development in Africa

(Agenda item 5)

1. The representatives of many regional groups and many delegates expressed their appreciation for the *Economic Development in Africa Report 2018: Migration and Structural Transformation*, noting its timeliness given the visibility of migration on the global agenda.

2. Several regional groups and several delegates commended the report's focus and analysis of the contribution of intra-African migration to structural transformation, noting the novel and innovative approach. Some regional groups highlighted that the report's recommendations on aligning migration, trade and investment policies, the need for investment in infrastructure and energy to support commodities value chains development and the support of the international community in establishing mechanisms to ensure migration could contribute to Africa's structural transformation. Another regional group noted that the report's focus on migration and structural transformation and its practical recommendations were aligned with the UNCTAD mandate.

3. Several delegations highlighted the importance of labour migration. The removal of preferences for Moroccan nationals and the abolition of work permit fees for member States of the East African Community were good practices in facilitating labour migration.

4. Several regional groups and several delegates noted the importance of remittances for African economies. Some delegations said that the high cost of money transfer fees limited remittances' potential to contribute to Africa's development.

5. Some regional groups and some delegates highlighted migration's contribution to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, while several delegations commended the report's focus on gender.

6. Some regional groups and some delegates welcomed the adoption of the African Continental Free Trade Area. The Single African Air Transport Market and the Protocol on the Free Movement of People were critical to supporting migration objectives.

7. Several delegations acknowledged the cross-cutting nature and complexity of migration and migration policy. One regional group noted the need for efforts to situate migration policies within regional frameworks.

8. Another regional group noted that the report was an important contribution to consultations on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and provided evidence for supporting a development pillar under the Global Compact. The UNCTAD secretariat emphasized the need for collective action on migration management and support for a development pillar under the Global Compact. UNCTAD would hold a high-level event on migration during the United Nations General Assembly in September 2018.